BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc. for an Accounting Authority Order Concerning Its Commission Assessment for the 2019 Fiscal Year

File No. GU-2019-0011

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

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Issue Date: August 8, 2018

Effective Date: August 8, 2018

On July 13, 2018, Spire Missouri Inc. filed an *Application for an Accounting Authority Order and Motion for Waiver*. Spire Missouri Inc. requested an accounting authority order to authorize deferred accounting treatment for an increase in its Fiscal Year 2018 assessment from the Missouri Public Service Commission. The Commission directed notice be given and set a deadline for intervention requests. On July 26, 2018, Midwest Energy Consumers' Group (MECG) filed a timely application to intervene.

MECG is an incorporated association representing the interests of large commercial and industrial consumers of electricity and natural gas throughout the state of Missouri including Spire Missouri Inc.'s service area. MECG states that its interests are different from those of the general public because it represents the interests of large commercial and industrial customers that could be affected by a final order in this matter. No responses to the request for intervention were received.

The Commission finds that the interests of MECG differ from those of the general public and may be adversely affected by a final order arising from this case.

Furthermore, the Commission finds that allowing MECG to intervene will serve the public interest. Therefore, the Commission will grant the applications to intervene.

Additionally, the Commission will set a prehearing conference to provide the parties and opportunity to discuss procedural issues and/or settlement.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The application to intervene of the Midwest Energy Consumers' Group is granted.

2. The parties shall appear at a prehearing conference to be held on August 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

3. The prehearing conference will convene in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. The building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the conference or hearing shall contact the Commission, not later than the day before the conference. Such contact shall be through the Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711.

4. Any party wishing to appear at the prehearing conference by telephone shall notify the Regulatory Law Judge by email at <u>nancy.dippell@psc.mo.gov</u> no later than August 16, 2018.

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5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 8th day of August, 2018.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 8th day of August 2018.



Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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